Expansion of Bhubaneswar airport

*3350. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any porposal pending with Government for the expansion of Bhubaneswar airport;

(b) if so, what are the detials thereof and what steps have been taken to implement the above proposal; and

(c) what funds have been earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Orissa has sought the extension of the runway at Bhubaneswar airport to 9000 to enable the airport to receive wide-bodied aircraft. The National Airports Authority has already extended the runway to 7441 at a cost of Rs. 8.87 crores. Further expansion will be taken up in a phased manner from 1992-92 onwards.

Visit by foreign trade delegations

@3351. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trade delegations etc. from different countries in the past six months visited India to discuss several bilateral issues etc.;

(b) whether some of the visiting teams had put up certain conditions for initiating talks with the Government;

(c) whether the Government of India have formulated some working groups for follow up action; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The delegations from European Econonic Community, USA; Australia, Thailand, Saudi Arbia, Jordan, Iran, China, Namibia, Mauritius, Romania, Uzbekistan, Russia and Nepal have visited India during the past six months to discuss various issues such as bilateral trade and commercial interests, Uruguay Round of Negotations etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Area under tea, rubber, coffee and cardamom cultivation

3352. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the areas under tea, rubber, coffee, cardamom, cultivation, State/Union Territory wise;

(b) what are the details of the production, export and foreign exchange earned from the tea, rubber, coffee, cardamom;

(c) what is the number of persons engaged in tea, rubber, coffee, and cardamom cultivation; and

(d) what is the value of amounts invested by ten top Indian and foreign companies in tea, rubber and cardamom plantation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The area under tea, coffee, rubber and cardamom is as follows:-

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